

RAT'S PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE PLAN

The Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) is initiating a more thorough planning effort for the development of a comprehensive bicycle and pedestrian network that will support and encourage bicycling and walking throughout the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA).

This plan is to become a part of the Rockford Area Transportation Study (RATS) Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The bike ride and workshop are your opportunity to contribute your opinions on current and future pedestrian and bicycle facilities within the Rockford MPA. Your comments will assist in the development of the comprehensive pedestrian and bicycle plan.



A second public meeting will be held early 2007 to present the plan.



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ROCKFORD AREA TRANSPORTATION STUDY: PUBLIC BIKE RIDE AND WORKSHOP

Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan

September 16, 2006



9AM to 12 PM Bike Ride



1PM to 3PM Workshop

DATE AND TIMES

September 16, 2006



9AM-Bike Ride



12 PM-Lunch for Bike Ride
Participants



1PM-Public Workshop

LOCATION

The Bike Ride and Public Workshop will be held at the following location:

Loves Park
City Hall
100 Heart Boulevard
Loves Park, IL 61111

Bike Ride

The Bike Ride will follow a route leaving from the Loves Park City Hall at approximately 9AM and loop approx. 20 miles throughout the metropolitan area. The Bike Ride is expected to last approximately 2 ½ hours. An option will be available for a shorter loop of 14 miles.

Bike Ride participants will receive a map of the route on the day of the event.

Public Workshop

The workshop will begin at approximately 1PM at the Loves Park City Hall.

RSVP

You are welcome to attend the bike ride, the workshop, or both sessions.

Please RSVP to Leslie Kirchler, T.Y. Lin International 773-792-9000 x 146 or lkirchler@tylin.com.

Please include your name and contact information, as well as the number in your party by September 14, 2006.

WHAT ELSE SHOULD I KNOW?



All participants for the bike ride are **required to bring your own bicycles and helmets**. We ask that you come prepared for the bike ride in all weather conditions. **You also will need to sign the enclosed waiver.**

PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE RESOURCES



City of Rockford/RATS

<http://cityofrockford.net/government/works>



League of Illinois Bicyclists
www.bikelib.org

Should you have any questions, please contact Gary McIntyre at RATS:

815-987-5638 or
gary.mcintyre@ci.rockford.il.us

Release of Liability for Bike Ride Participants:

In consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, waive and release any and all rights and claims for damages I have or may have against the Rockford Area Transportation Study, T.Y. Lin International, and all municipalities, special districts, and properties through which the event will pass, and agree to hold them and their agents, employees, and officers harmless from any and all liability from having sustained any personal injury or property damage in connection with this bike ride. I understand that the organizers of the ride make no claim as to the safety of the route or traffic or to the competence of the other participants and that the ride will be conducted over public roads and facilities open to the public at the time of the ride and upon which the hazards of travel by bicycle are to be expected. I attest and verify that I am physically fit and have sufficiently trained for the completion of the ride, and I have not been advised otherwise by a qualified medical person. I agree to wear a helmet and obey all rules of the road.

I also understand and agree that any sponsor may subsequently use for publicity or promotional purposes my name and photographs, video tapes, motion pictures, and recordings of me participating in this bike ride without obligation or liability to me.

This accident waiver and release of liability form shall be construed broadly to provide a release and waiver to the maximum extent permissible under applicable law. I hereby certify that I have read this document; and, I understand its content.

Rider's Signature

Date

Signature of Rider's Parent/Guardian Date
All participants must sign (parent/guardian if under 18 years of age).